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Elections to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development

Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has received the following nominations for election to the Committee on Natural Resources:

From the Government of Iceland: Jon Ingimarsson

From the Government of Romania: Neculai Pavlovschi

The candidates' terms of office would begin on 1 January 1999. Biographical information on the candidates is set out in the annex below.

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Annex

Biographical information on Jon Ingimarsson (Iceland)

Born: 21 September 1951 in Reykjavik, Iceland

Family: Married to Kristin H. Traustadottir, M.Sc. in Medical Science
Three children, born 1975, 1977 and 1986

University and graduate studies:

1978 M.Sc. Civil Engineering, Technical University of Denmark

1975 B.Sc. Civil Engineering, University of Iceland

Present position:

1991– Director for Energy Affairs, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Iceland. (Areas of responsibility include general energy policy, energy legislation, energy research and development, rational use of energy, energy intensive industries, environmental impact, granting of licences for electricity generation, use of geothermal fields and mining of minerals).

Previous positions:

1987–1991 Director for the Energy Analysis Division at National Energy Authority of Iceland (NEA). (The Division is involved in energy forecasting, energy planning, energy system analysis and compilation of data.)

1986–1987 Consultant in hydrology at Vatnaskil Ltd.

1982–1986 Head of the Engineering and Hydrological Section of the Hydro Power Division of NEA.

1975–1982 Various positions at the NEA, mainly as a consultant in groundwater hydrology, water supply, reservoir management and rational use of energy.

Special assignments:

1997– Elected member of the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and Energy for Development.

1997– Member of the Nordic Committee of Senior Officials for Energy Policy.

1996 Member of the Icelandic Committee of the World Energy Council.

1995–1998 Chairman of the Board of the HAB Geothermal District Heating Company.

1994– Member of the Thermie Committee of the Non-Nuclear Energy Demonstration Programme of the European Commission.

1993– Member of the Joule Committee of the Non-Nuclear Energy R&D Programme of the European Commission.

1992– Re climate negotiations — member of the Icelandic delegation to:

Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change

Ad hoc group on the Berlin Mandate (on negotiations for the Kyoto Protocol)

	First Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention on Climate Change: COP-1 (Berlin), COP-2 (Geneva), COP-3 (Kyoto), COP-4 (Buenos Aires).
1991–	Member of the Board of Icerock Ltd. (a rockwool plant). Chairman from 1996.
1991–	Member of the Board of the Icelandic Energy Marketing Agency, now Invest in Iceland. Chairman from 1997.
1990–	Member of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA): Working Group on Energy Matters.
1988–1989	Chairman of the Board of the Association of Chartered Engineers in Iceland.
1987–1988	Vice-Chairman of the Board of the Association of Chartered Engineers in Iceland.
1984–1988	Member of the Board of the Nordic Association for Hydrology.
1981–	Member of different groups of the Nordic Council of Ministers such as: Rational Use of Energy, Alternative Fuels for Transport, Energy Models, Energy and Climate Change, Energy and Environment and Energy Research.

Biographical information on Neculai Pavlovschi (Romania)

Licentiate in petroleum engineering and economics, Petroleum Institute and Polytechnic University, Bucharest, in 1963 and 1970, respectively.

Postgraduate studies in industrial management at the Managerial Training Institute, Bucharest, in 1975.

Ph.D. candidate at the Technical University in Ploiesti.

Managerial activity carried out within the Romanian gas industry as well as research and designing institutes.

Author of technical works and patents. Presentation of works at international congresses and conferences within energy and environment domains (London, Prague and Vienna, 1994).

Vice-President of the Working Group on Gas of the Economic Commission for Europe.

Member of the Committee on Natural Resources, 1993–1998.